## 2025 Schedule of Annual Cemetery Events

Memorial Day: Monday, May 26, 2025 – 10 a.m. – The cemetery staff will be hosting a program that is free and open to the public to honor and memorialize the veterans buried here. This event is conducted at the flag plaza and includes a roll call of all individuals buried since the previous Memorial Day. Prior to the event, flags are placed at each grave. Please remember to dress for the weather and bring your own lawn chair!

<u>Independence Day: Friday, July 4, 2025</u> – Flags are placed at each grave the Wednesday before the holiday. There is no program, however the cemetery gates are open for visitation.

<u>Veterans Day: Tuesday, November 11, 2025</u> – Flags are placed at each grave the Wednesday before the holiday. There is no program, however the cemetery gates are open for visitation.

Wreaths Across America: Saturday, December 13, 2025 – 12 p.m. – This is a national event that is free and open to the public. There will be an opening ceremony at the flag plaza, followed by the laying of wreaths on each in-ground grave. Those with family members buried here will be allowed to place their wreaths first. This is a rain or shine event, and anyone attending should dress for the weather. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of the wreaths, look for the donation forms that will be mailed out beginning in September 2025. Donations can also be made online at <a href="https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org">www.wreathsacrossamerica.org</a>. Any donation made using the form or online are for this cemetery only, and exceeding donations will go toward the need for 2026. With your help, we hope to be able to have a wreath for every in-ground grave, which is approximately 3800 sites. The wreaths will stay on the gravesites until the middle of January. For additional information about Wreaths Across America, please contact Steve Hartington at 864-634-9323 or by email at <a href="mailto:stevehartington@rocketmail.com">stevehartington@rocketmail.com</a>.

For more information about the M.J. "Dolly" Cooper Veterans Cemetery, visit our website at:

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